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SECTION II

ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN SECURITY REPORTS OFFICE

1. Under the authority vested in me as Director, Strategic Services Unit, the following partial reorganization of the Unit is announced. Additional details of organization will be announced at appropriate intervals. The organization will follow the lines of the chart appended hereto.
2. The SI and X-2 Branches of SSU are hereby abolished. The FOREIGN SECURITY REPORTS OFFICE (FSRO) of the STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT is hereby established for the purpose of implementing and operating the missions enumerated below.
3. The Chief, FSRO, shall take such steps as are necessary to effect without delay the organization defined herein.
4. The authority and responsibilities of the several Offices, Branches and Divisions are set forth as follows:

a. Planning and Steering Staff:

The Planning and Steering Staff shall be comprised of the Chief, Planning and Steering Staff and such other permanent members as the Director may appoint; the Chief and Executive Officer of FSRO as ex officio members; the Branch Chief and Division Chief of the area under consideration; and such others as the Director may designate temporarily in specific cases. Subject to policies fixed by the Director, the Staff shall:

- (1) Maintain a current survey of world-wide intelligence requirements with a view to developing clandestine activities to be undertaken by SSU;
- (2) Establish intelligence priorities for areas and objectives, and devise coordinated plans therefor;

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(3) Establish projects to implement such plans, and be responsible for the initiation and execution of each project until the Staff delegates the responsibility for its direction and maintenance to the Branch and/or Division Chief;

(4) Effect special reviews of approved projects from time to time at the direction of the Chief, FSRO, or the Director, SSU, and reassume responsibility for projects that require revision or augmentation;

(5) Perform such other missions as may be assigned by the Director.

b. Chief, FERO:

Subject to policies fixed by the Director, the Chief, FSRO, shall:

(1) Direct the procurement by secret means of positive and counter espionage intelligence, according to the plans, priorities and projects established by the Planning and Steering Staff and approved by the Director;

(2) Direct the processing and dissemination of such intelligence;

(3) Direct, supervise and coordinate semi-covert missions, semi-covert stations, and such other organizations and activities in foreign territories as SSU may maintain;

(4) Direct the operations of controlled or "double" foreign agents;

(5) Be responsible for the security of all FSRO field activities, and in conjunction with the Security Division, for security functions of FSRO within the United States.

(6) Provide for such facilities within FSRO as may be required by the Planning and Steering Staff incident to their mission.

c. Deputy Chief:

Shall serve as a Deputy to the Chief, FSRO, and act

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for the Chief in his absence.

d. Executive Officer:

— Shall be in the direct chain of command from the Chief, FSRO, to the Foreign Branch Chiefs, and shall assist the Chief in the performance of the mission outlined above.

He shall supervise directly the activities of the Administrative Officer and the Vetting Officer.

The Executive Officer shall have assigned to his Office a Special Case Officer, who shall be responsible for detailed knowledge of such special counter espionage cases shifting from one branch to another, or cutting across two or more divisions, or otherwise of special interest, as the Executive Officer, FSRO, may direct. He shall make recommendations concerning the direction or coordination of such cases to the branch chiefs concerned.

c. Special Projects Division:

Shall be responsible for the assembling of all available information on such subjects as are assigned by the Chief, FSRO, and for the analysis and final processing of such specialized information.

f. Administrative Officer:

Shall be responsible for the fulfillment of administrative requirements and for liaison between FSRO and the Personnel, Services and Operational Auxiliaries Branches to facilitate administration.

g. Vetting Officer:

Shall be responsible for the vetting of all staff employees, agents and informants, and answering vetting requests received from FSRO field representatives and outside agencies.

h. Foreign Branch Chiefs:

Subject to approved policies and within their respective geographic areas, shall:

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- (1) Direct the procurement by secret means of positive and counter espionage intelligence, according to approved plans, priorities and projects;
- (2) Initially receive intelligence materials, be responsible for evaluation and content and recommend appropriate dissemination;
- (3) Direct, supervise and coordinate semi-overt missions, semi-covert stations and such other organizations and activities as SSU may maintain;
- (4) Keep informed of all communications between SSU Washington and SSU Missions, Stations, organizations and individuals;
- (5) Ensure coordination of administrative actions with Personnel and Administrative Offices and divisions which assist in the support of SSU field activities;
- (6) Direct the operations of controlled or "double" foreign agents;
- (7) Determine the suitability of personnel to be overtly or semi-overtly employed and determine the training and use of such personnel.

i. Dissemination Branch:

Shall be responsible for the form, final editing, reproduction and dissemination, to other governmental agencies, of reports from all geographic areas, and shall review evaluations with a view to recommending appropriate changes to the Branch Chiefs.

j. Training Branch:

Subject to policies and directives laid down by the Director and the Chief, PSRO, shall be responsible for the orientation, intelligence training, both overt and covert, and the assessment of all SSU personnel.

k. Foreign Division Chiefs:

Subject to the direction and supervision of the appropriate Branch Chief, and in the country assigned to them, shall:

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(1) Supervise and coordinate the procurement by secret means of positive or counter espionage intelligence, including all agent operations, in accordance with grouping;

(2) Assist in the evaluation and processing of intelligence reports;

(3) Assist in the accomplishment of all supporting activities incident to the above functions.

5. General Order No. 7, this headquarters, dated 19 November 1945, and such portions of all other orders or directives as are in conflict with the above are hereby rescinded.

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